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Environmental Work of 24 Organizations Garners Governor Johnson's Recognition

Durango-McKinley Paper Company Receives Top Honor

(Santa Fe, NM) -- Twenty-four New Mexico organizations will be recognized by Governor Gary E. Johnson and Environment Secretary John R. D'Antonio, Jr. for making environmental concerns an integral part of doing business, and for their participation in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program. Among these businesses, Durango-McKinley Paper Company is the only one that will receive the Excellence Award.

On September 25, Governor Johnson will present the awards to businesses, government organizations, and schools participating in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program. The Green Zia Program is designed to recognize organizations that are developing systematic approaches to environmental management, striving not only to comply with environmental, health and safety regulations, but also to reduce the amount of wastes they are generating through pollution prevention. Not creating a waste or pollutant is the best environmental protection possible. Furthermore, for most organizations, reducing waste means saving money. Participants in the Green Zia Program are demonstrating improved environmental and economic performance.

"This year alone, Green Zia participants reported saving millions through waste reduction, improved use of raw materials, and energy and water conservation," said Governor Johnson.

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“The organizations being recognized through the Green Zia Program have demonstrated an interest in improved protection of the environment through better business practices,” the Governor added. “The good news is that reducing pollution is not only good for the environment but it’s also good business.”

Notably, Durango-McKinley Paper Company is the second Excellence Award recipient in the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program’s four-year history. The Excellence Award is the highest of three levels of recognition.

Durango-McKinley Paper Company located in Prewitt, just east of Grants, is different from most paperboard mills in that it is a 100% recycle mill. Durango-McKinley Paper Company and its 125 employees pursued environmental excellence from the beginning design stages. Some of Durango-McKinley Paper Company’s major environmental achievements in New Mexico include:

- Locating next to an existing power plant in order to take advantage of electric, steam, water, and sanitary sewer facilities;
- Using electricity and steam to power the paper manufacturing process and returning steam condensate for the power plant to re-use;
- Building a water recycling plant;
- Consuming one-half to one-tenth of the fresh water of a typical recycled paperboard mill, and about 97 percent less water than the typical non-recycled paper mill, generating zero liquid discharge;
- Requiring no air permit, no water discharge permit, no hazardous waste permit; and,
- No longer being listed on the TRI (Toxic Release Inventory) list because of a recent substitution in chemical use.

The “Excellence” award signifies that Durango-McKinley Paper Company is considered “best in class” in environmental performance in New Mexico.

“The Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program supports organizations that voluntarily adopt business-based approaches to environmental improvement,” said Secretary D’Antonio. “This program emphasizes success both financially and environmentally, and this is what we’ll see at the recognition ceremony. I’m happy to see these organizations using their environmental management systems to go beyond compliance and toward environmental stewardship. Continuous improvement is emphasized in the Green Zia Program and is vital for organizations that are aiming to achieve best-in-class in the ever-changing business environment.”

Businesses Being Recognized and Levels of Recognition:

Environmental Excellence Award Winner

The following company has a mature environmental management system and is considered best-in-class in environmental performance in New Mexico.

- Durango-McKinley Paper Company, Prewitt

Achievement Recognition

The following organizations have established an environmental management system, are showing continual improvement, and are achieving environmental results.

- Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque
- Camino Real Environmental Center, Inc., Sunland Park
- Goodrich Corporation, Albuquerque
- Honeywell Defense Avionics Systems, Albuquerque
- Johnson Controls Northern New Mexico, Los Alamos
- Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Dynamic Experimentation Division, Los Alamos
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Engineering, Sciences and Applications Division, Los Alamos
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Environmental Science and Waste Technology Division (currently Risk Reduction and Environmental Stewardship), Los Alamos
- National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA), White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces
- Philips Semiconductors, Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Custodial Services, Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Environmental Restoration (ER Project), Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Fleet Services Department, Albuquerque
- Sandia National Laboratories, Manufacturing, Science & Technology Center 14100, Albuquerque

Commitment Recognition

The following organizations have pledged to establish an environmental management system and progress toward continual environmental improvement.

- General Electric Aircraft Engines, Albuquerque
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos Neutron Science Center, Los Alamos
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Nonproliferation and International Security, Facility Management Unit-75, Los Alamos
- New Mexico State University, Carlsbad
- Public Service Company of New Mexico, San Juan Generating Station, Waterflow
- Sandia National Laboratories, Neutron Generator Production Facility, Albuquerque
- Sennheiser NM LLC, Albuquerque
- Souder, Miller and Associates, Santa Fe

Governor Johnson will present the award and recognitions in a ceremony at the Hilton of Santa Fe on September 25, 2002.

For more information about the recognition ceremony or participating in the program, contact Dave Wunker, Green Zia Program Manager, NMED, at (505) 827-0677 or Cathy Tyson-Foster, Communications Director, NMED, at (505) 827-0314.

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